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DPS Troopers (L-R) Danny Nunez and Norbert Ortiz looked over the accident scene Monday morning that claimed the life of a 17-year-old Sonora woman. The wreck occurred about 7:27 a.m. when a rear tire blew on a 2001 Suzuki SUV (foreground) which spun out of control into the path of a 2004 Suzuki sedan driven by Amanda Castilleja of Sonora. Ms. Castilleja was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. The driver of the first vehicle, Lt. Kelleah Pitts, 24, of Fair Oaks, Texas, was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center.

Head-on collision claims life of Sonora woman

Amanda Castilleja, 17, of Sonora, was killed and another woman seriously injured Monday in a two-vehicle accident some two miles north of Eldorado on U.S. Hwy. 277.

Lt. Kelleah Pitts, 24, of Fair Oaks, Texas, was reportedly driving southbound when she experienced a blow-out on the right rear tire of her 2001 Suzuki Grand Vítara. The woman lost control of the vehicle as it swerved into the path of oncoming traffic.

Meanwhile, Ms. Castilleja was traveling northbound, reportedly on her way to cosmetology school in San Angelo, when Lt. Pitts' SUV spun out of control and swerved in front of Ms. Castilleja's 2004 Suzuki 4-door sedan.

The wreck was reported at 7:27 a.m.

to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's Department units, as well as units from the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS and the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, responded to the scene. Likewise, DPS Trooper Danny Nunez and Trooper Norbert Ortiz reported to the scene to handle the investigation.

Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle pronounced Ms. Castilleja dead at the scene. Lt. Pitts was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center.

Trooper Danny Nunez reports that the accident remains under investigation. He noted, however, that Ms. Castilleja was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Forrest Meador of Eldorado shot this 30 lb. Bobcat Tuesday morning on the Kathy Meador ranch in eastern Schleicher County. The cat measured 30-inches from nose to tail. Meador dropped the animal with a .223 Winchester from a distance of 175 yards.

Prospect of new mobile home park worries neighboring homeowners

Sidney Reynolds and William Edmiston were present Monday evening, Dec 11, 2006, to meet with the Eldorado City Council and inquire about city zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The men, both of whom live in the North Town addition, expressed concerns about a large plot of land just east of their homes, where they said they had heard a mobile home park was being developed.

Edmiston explained that the property is in a "low spot" where water stands during wet weather and said he was concerned that a road or mobile home site might back water up onto his property. Reynolds said he had similar

concerns.

Mayor John Nikolauk advised the men that he shared their concerns about the low-lying land and said that the city is in the process of adopting a subdivision ordinance. Councilman Bill McCutcheon noted that he owns property adjoining the land and said the he, too, shared their concerns.

In other business, the council met with representatives of American Electric Power (AEP) concerning the company's rate case, currently pending before the Public Utility Commission.

Blake Burchard told the council the increase would cost a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours an extra \$1.24 a month. Also present were

AEP employees Gus Hinojosa, Jimmy Sims and Steve Terrell.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then briefed the council on the city's gas, sewer and landfill departments. He said that everything was running smoothly with no problems to report. Fay continued by saying that there will be no more gas meter change-outs until the weather warms up.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then presented the November Financial Report, Quarterly Investment Report, and monthly Tax Report. She also reviewed the city's financial audit for 2005-06.

Mayor Nikolauk then advised that he had rejected an offer from the City of Sonora to purchase the city's recycling trailer for \$1,000.

Under old business, the council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Nov. 6, 2006 meeting. They also approved the monthly bills for payment.

Carolyn Mayo then gave a brief overview of a Housing Study from July 2005 Planning Project which contained sample zoning options, condemnation and subdivision ordinances. According to the study, Eldorado has more than 90 dilapidated houses, 60 of which are vacant.

Under new business the council approved adopting the same holiday schedule for 2007 as Schleicher County. They also approved longevity pay for city workers.

Ms. Mayo then distributed maps of the Orient Heights Addition, which lies outside the city limits. She pointed out that during the recently completed Colonial Sewer project carried out by the county there were several properties with no sewer connection while others



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

City resident William Edmiston held a copy of a proposed subdivision ordinance Monday evening at a meeting of the Eldorado City Council. He expressed concerns that property located east of his home could be developed into a mobile home park. Edmiston told the council he preferred sheep on the fenced lot over an unregulated trailer park.

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Jeffs due back in court today

Warren Jeffs, the self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is due back in a Utah Courtroom today before Judge James L. Shumate. The judge is charged with determining if enough evidence exists to bring Jeffs to trial.

Jeffs, who has many followers living on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, stands accused of two counts of Rape as an Accomplice in connection with a marriage he arranged and performed between a 14-year-old girl and her 19-year-old cousin.

The victim, identified only as Jane Doe IV, was one of the first witnesses to appear when the hearing began on Nov. 21, 2006. She was pregnant at the time of her testimony and was due to have the baby before the second day of testimony begins today.

It is unknown if Judge Shumate will

be prepared to issue a ruling or even if the hearing will end today. If and when the judge rules, his decision will be posted on The Eldorado Success website at www.myeldorado.net.

Officer confesses his loyalty

Police Chief Fred Barlow, the top cop in the twin cities of Colorado City, Arizona and Hildale, Utah, pledged his love and allegiance to Warren Jeffs in a letter law enforcement authorities obtained in 2005 when Jeffs' brother, Seth Jeffs, was arrested in Colorado.

Barlow is accused of misconduct by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training board (POST), and the letter is one of the main pieces of evidence against him.

Excerpts from the letter reveal the level of control Jeffs exerted over his fol-

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Saving Grace

It hasn't been a banner year. The United States is bogged down in a dispiriting war in Iraq, and North Korea and Iran continue to flout Washington's warnings and "red lines" with seeming impunity. But here are some things to be grateful for:

- Democracy. We might be having trouble exporting it overseas, but it still works at home. If a political party becomes corrupt and ineffectual, the voters will find a way to force it from office, no matter how many institutional advantages it has stacked in its favor. The GOP just learned this lesson, and as soon as Democrats forget it, they will get a thumping of their own.

- Milton Friedman. The late economist was one of the 20th century's most effective advocates for freedom, helping extend free markets here at home and spread them to places like China. He was a great scourge of inflation and helped provide Ronald Reagan with the intellectual ammunition to slay it in the early 1980s. His life — and his legacy — is an enduring testament to the power of ideas.

- The Wounded Warrior Project. More than 20,000 U.S. soldiers have been wounded in Iraq. The Wounded Warrior Project provides services to the most grievously injured and their families to help them return to civilian life.

- Muhammad Yunus. He won the Nobel Peace Prize this year, which is not necessarily a recommendation, since the prize often goes to anti-American hucksters. But he deserved it. His idea of microcredits — giving extremely small loans to extremely poor people to help them start businesses — has been a revolutionary tool in fighting poverty.

- YouTube. Politicians' gaffes, late-night comics' latest bits, inspired and zany clips from amateurs the world over — all a click or two away. Why didn't someone think of this before?

- The anti-race hustlers. Bill Cosby famously has spoken out about the cultural problems that hold African-Americans back more than racism or other structural obstacles. National Public Radio's Juan Williams has added intellectual heft to Cosby's argument with his new book, "Enough." They are brave men.

- The pope. Whatever your faith or denomination, you have to be grateful that the West has such a figure, concerned with reconciling faith and reason, and operating always in the spirit of charity and love. Given other forms of religious expression the world has witnessed recently, this is a blessing indeed.

- Mukhtaran Bibi. This young Pakistani woman was sentenced to gang-rape by her village elders after her younger brother was accused of having a relationship with a woman of another tribe. She fought back and had — a rarity in Pakistan — her attackers prosecuted. She now is an internationally recognized voice for the rights of Pakistani women, who are often punished for being raped.

- Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for falling on a grenade to save his fellow Marines from the blast. That sort of sacrifice and bravery is typical of U.S. troops in Iraq, but it is too often ignored. The New York Times didn't mention Dunham's incredible act, or his medal, even though he was from upstate New York. We should never forget.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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What do Dog the Bounty Hunter and Rocky Balboa want for Christmas?

So, you think your loved ones are hard to shop for. Here, for your consideration are a few Santa Letters as penned by a few famous, or perhaps not so famous, celebrities.

Dear Santa:

I want a new can of Mace, some new handcuffs and a Get out of Jail card, written in Spanish, please.

Love

Duane Chapman
a.k.a. Dog the Bounty Hunter

P.S. If it is possible, please bring Beth a pony so she will get off my back.

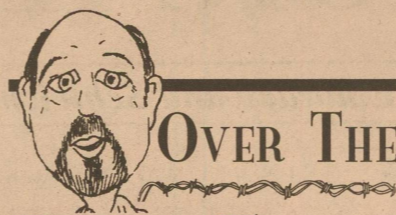
Dear Santa:

I don't need much for Christmas, just socks and underwear
Luv Ya Lots!
Brittany Spears.

Dear Santa Claus:

Where do I start. First I would like a Total Makeover Barbie and a super hunky Ken doll. I would also like a personal assistant who won't get distracted and forget to tell me that the camera is on.

All the Best
Faith Hill



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Yo Santa:

What did I do? I signed up to fight this here Guido then I realize, Yo...I'm over 60 years old! So, please bring me some Geritol and maybe some really convincing writers.

Your Friend
Rocky Balboa

P.S. I could also use a very good stunt double.

Dear Santa:

I'm not buying this jolly old elf routine. I know you've got skeletons in your closet...everyone does. All I want for Christmas is for you to come on the Factor.

Best Wishes
Bill O'Reilly

P.S. Remember, the spin stops here.

Dear Santa:

I didn't steal your cookies, but if I did, I would have done it while you were busy stuffing the stockings. Please bring me a new pair of gloves.

Love
O.J.

P.S. I'm still looking for the real killer so it would be helpful if you don't tell Dog, or Beth, where I am.

Dear Santa:

The Ball and Chain is going to be campaigning for the next few months and I'm already getting a little bored. Please bring me a brand new little black book, and a box of hand-rolled Havanas?

Ho Ho Ho
Bill Clinton

Mr. S. Claus:

Your name was given to me by a mutual friend. I am Benjamin Akbhar, the Deputy Director of the Nigerian National Bank, where there is presently \$60 million U.S. sitting in a dormant account. I could use your help in moving these funds offshore. Are you interested? If so, drop in Christmas Eve. I'll leave the light on for you.

Education tops governor's goals for 80th Legislature

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Aides for Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick — addressed a small group of newspaper editorial writers and publishers in a small forum Dec. 7 in Austin.

The three took turns talking about their bosses' goals for the upcoming legislative session, which begins Jan. 9.

Kathy Walt, Perry's special assistant for communications, said the governor is pleased that the outgoing 79th Texas Legislature's handling of school finance and property tax reform takes those issues off the back of the incoming 80th Legislature.

Education continues to be Perry's highest priority, so he'll be working with the Legislature to increase higher education accessibility and affordability, Walt said.

Other Perry priorities:

- Increase border security and reduce crime.
- Simplify the state's spending limit formula, which presently is tied to growth in citizens' personal income. Perry believes the formula should be based on population growth, instead, Walt said.
- Require state agencies to post detailed budgets online.
- Amend the state constitution so that surplus tax dollars would be returned to taxpayers.
- Require the state comptroller to publish the methodology for making revenue estimates.
- Require universities and other state-supported institutions of higher learning to publish detailed cost breakdowns for instruction and maintenance and operations.
- Deliver on promise of property tax cuts.
- Solicit more citizen input on ways to accomplish property tax appraisal reform.

Dewhurst to hit child predators

Rich Parsons of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst's office said his boss is calling the next session "the children's session" because of plans to lower the boom on adults who commit sexual offenses against children by passing tougher laws.

Dewhurst wants to pass a Texas version of "Jessica's Law" — a Florida law that increased penalties against sex offenders whose victims are children.

Dewhurst is proposing that a first-time offender convicted of a sexual assault against a child under age 14 would get a 25-year sentence and lifetime monitoring after release. A second-time offender would be subject to the death penalty.

Parsons said the 200,000 teachers and 300,000 support personnel in Texas' public school system would be subject to background checks under Dewhurst's child-protection agenda.

Speaker's rep focuses on budget

Appropriations bills must originate in the House, so Don Green, speaker Craddick's director of budget and policy, focused on money issues.

Green said Craddick believes the estimated \$15 billion surplus projected by outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is more like \$7 billion.

Green briefed the audience on the list of the state constitution's spending controls. He pointed out the overlapping mandates that budget writers must consider, such as those based on the state's economic growth, the pay-as-you-go imperative, the welfare budget minimum and the debt service

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California Highlights

We went to San Francisco to celebrate our grandson Aiden's first birthday. The house was decorated in a Bob the Builder theme. Colorful Bob the Builder balloons, hard hats, napkins, plates and glasses were on the table. Aiden's three-year-old brother Max had some friends of his over for the party. When it came time to serve the cake, everybody crowded around Aiden's high chair to watch him eat a cupcake and get chocolate all over his face. He did it well.

The weather was perfect. It had been cloudy and rainy the previous two days, but on Saturday, the day of the party, the sun came out and the kids were able to go outside. They banged away at a Bob the Builder piñata suspended from a tree limb in the back yard. Despite numerous tries from the youngsters and some adults, the piñata held fast. The yellow and blue crepe paper on the outside was torn and tattered, but the goodies inside were protected by some hard cardboard. It was finally opened with a mighty swing from one of the mothers who had some softball experience. Candy



by
Tumbleweed Smith

spilled out and kids scrambled to pick it up.

California folks are laid back, I must say. The party was to last from 10 AM to noon. Parents and their kids started arriving around 11:30 and stayed until nearly 5 o'clock. Time doesn't seem too important to folks in California.

My son BZ and his family live in a real neighborhood with lots of kids. Most of the guests at the party walked over because parking is a problem due to all the cars on the street. Hardly anybody uses garages for vehicles. That's where they keep their stuff.

Halloween decorations were still up in houses all over the neighborhood. One of the houses has been for sale for sometime and has been turned into a halfway house for people who are recovering from mental disorders. One of the women who live in the house is

making all sorts of pumpkin items: pies, cakes, bread, cookies, and even pumpkin potato chips. The house where she lives has some of the best decorations on the block. On Halloween night, kids flocked to her house for trick or treat. She ran out of goodies. Later, when the doorbell rang, she cheerfully greeted the kids, but told them how sorry she was that she had run out of treats. Kids, ages three to six, when they heard she didn't have any candy or cookies, started giving her some. It was that way a good part of the evening. You just don't hear many stories like that. But it happened in California.

When we took a walk around the neighborhood, my son took us to a hillside around the corner from his house. A brand new 4-story house is gradually sliding down the hill, threatening the houses below. It was built for speculation. When the owner realized it was a liability, he left town and hasn't been located. The house is in the process of being demolished.

California sure is an interesting place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

OBITUARIES

Richard H. Van Court

SAN ANGELO — Richard H. Van Court, age 76, of Christoval, passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, in a local care facility.

Funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with John McMullen officiating. Interment followed in Christoval Cemetery.

Richard was born on May 14, 1930, in San Angelo to C.G., Sr. and Mattie Love Linthicum Van Court. He married Juanita D. Jones on May 3, 1980, in San Antonio. He graduated from San Angelo High School in 1947 and was commissioned in the Army after graduation from Texas A&M University in 1951.

He served one year in France during his enlistment. He was postmaster in Christoval for 25 years and was a rancher in Crockett and Irion counties.

Richard is survived by his loving family, wife Juanita of the home; daughters Janet Smith and her husband, Mark of Ozona, Texas, Susan Van Court of San Antonio, Texas, and Lori Pennington of Christoval, Texas; son David Van Court of Beeville, Texas; stepdaughter Lisa and husband

Jerry Kidd of Brady, Texas; stepson Currie and wife Jo Ann Jones of Christoval, Texas; grandchildren Lauren Pool of San Angelo, Texas, Kelsee Smith of Ozona, Texas, Casey Kidd of San Angelo, Texas, Katie Kidd of Brady, Texas, Jamie Jones of Mertzton, Texas, Will Jones of Lubbock, Texas, Michael Pennington of San Angelo, Texas, Chris Pennington of San Angelo, Texas, and Branch Van Court of San Angelo, Texas; brother C.G. "Tip" Van Court Jr. and wife Billie Marie of Christoval, Texas; nephews Johnny and wife Phyllis Van Court of Christoval, Texas, and Steve Van Court of Christoval, Texas; and numerous cousins.

Pallbearers were Jack Simmons, Ed Harris, B.W. Kennedy, Bill Rawls, Casey Kidd, Will Jones, Michael Pennington and Mark Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be J.R. Haralson, Cary Tomerlin, Don Norton and Christopher Pennington.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Ione Van Court who passed away in 1978; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanCourt, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Linthicum.



These ten Elementary students were treated to a special lunch prepared by Nancy Lester (L) and a visit from SCISD Superintendent Billy Collins (R). The students include Jack Griffin, Anthony Olivarez, Iscaiah Tanner, Trish Carter, Kraig Cadena, Whitney Perez, Abigail Narvaez, Leroy Torres, Joe Hash and Cade Ledbetter.

Character Counts

Mrs. Nancy Lester prepared a table with festive green table cloth, red plates and napkins for ten special elementary students to enjoy their lunch on Friday, December 8.

The treat was part of a program called Character Counts and there are six pillars of character that are work on during the year....trustworthiness, respect,

responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Students earn a courtesy tickets by doing something trustworthy, respectful, or responsible. The tickets are put into a drawing and 10 names were drawn for the special lunch. The program, along with character education, is taught in group sessions by elementary counselor Mrs. Kathy Newman.

Pon Lawdermilk

SAN ANGELO — Pon Lawdermilk, 59, passed away Monday morning, Dec. 4, 2006.

Graveside service was Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Mertzton Cemetery with the Rev. Phil Steinbach officiating.

Pon was born Dec. 17, 1946, in San Angelo, Texas, but grew up in Mertzton, Texas. In high school he became a reservist in the U.S.

Navy, and after graduation he went on active duty and, following in his father's footsteps, became a SeaBee. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam and returned to Mertzton, where he went to work at the gas plant. Thirty-two years later he retired from Conoco as a field foreman. Pon touched many lives and will be remembered for his generosity, sense of humor and Teddy Bear heart.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Lueders of Mertzton; one sister, Ruth Ann Lawdermilk of San Antonio; three daughters, Mechelle Grice and husband Kenny of Carlsbad, Tracy Hollingsworth and husband Rusty of Garden City, and Amy Chumney and husband Chris of Mertzton; and two sons, Todd Lawdermilk and wife Heather of Dell City, and Tillman Lawdermilk and wife Tammie of Mertzton. He was a PaPa to 12 precious grandchildren. Pon had countless friends whose support has been so greatly appreciated by his family.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

So, state lawmaker Rep. Edmund Kuempel wants to help hunters who are legally blind by allowing them to use laser sights to target animals.

What's he going to do to help hunters who aren't visually impaired but still can't shoot straight?

Hunters have shot—and sometimes killed—other hunters, people walking their dogs, people tending to disabled cars alongside the road, people sleeping in their beds (yes, inside their homes), and sometimes themselves. Other hunters injure themselves falling out of tree stands, they get lost in the woods, or they suffer heart attacks because their bodies are not used to anything more demanding than changing channels with the remote.

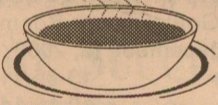
For the sake of both animals and humans alike, hunters (legally blind or not) should lay down their weapons and stick to less

dangerous pursuits, like bingo or shuffleboard.

Sincerely,
Paula Moore, Senior Writer
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, December 18

Chicken Strips w/Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice and Milk.

Tuesday, December 19

Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato and Onions Slices, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail and Milk

Wednesday, December 20

Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Orange, Milk

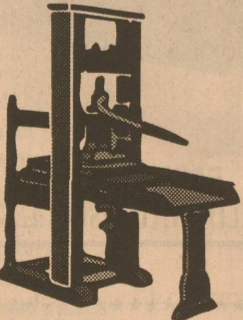
Thursday, December 21

Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, December 22

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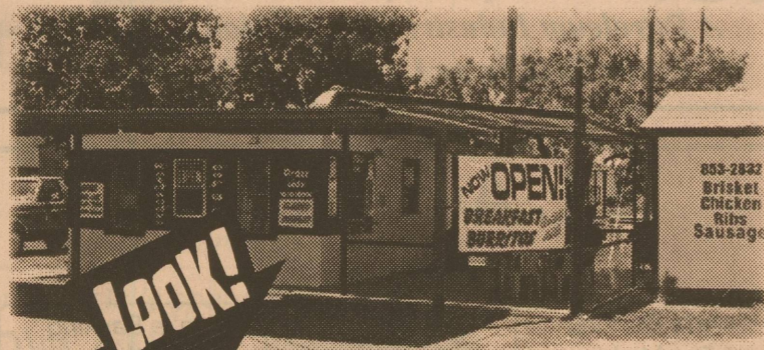
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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ Hoo Boy!

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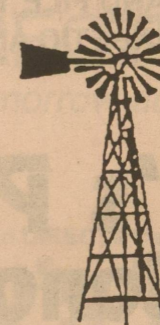
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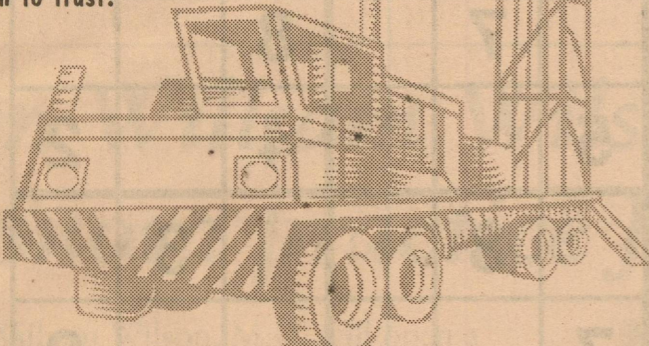
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2006 Eagle Varsity Basketball Team brought home the top trophy at Water Valley Tournament this past weekend. Front (L-R) Manny Gonzalez, Lalo Sanchez, Michael Redish, Russell Cathey and Sammy Estrada; Back (L-R): Rance Cathey, Tyler Dombroski, Jorge Mata, Drew Bosmans and Zach Hash. Drew Bosmans was chosen the tournament Most Valuable Player and Zack Hash was chose All Tournament.

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Monday, December 18, 2006
 Biscuits / Sausage, Choice Of Juice, Jelly, Milk
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, December 20, 2006
 Cereal Bar, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, December 21, 2006
 Merry Christmas
Friday, December 22, 2006
 No School till January

BASKET LINE
Monday, December 18, 2006
 McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
 Chili Dogs/Cheese Cups, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday, December 20, 2006
 Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Applesauce Cups, Cookie SACK LUNCH TO-GO
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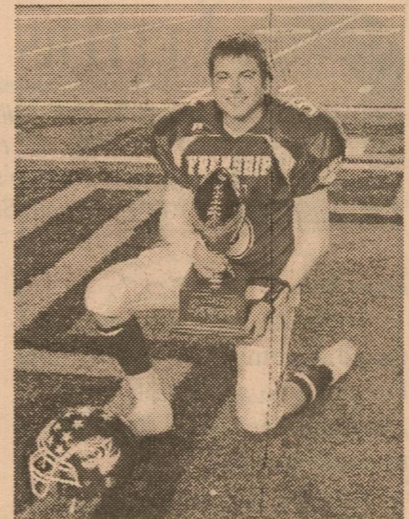
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 Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Green Beans/Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad/ Creamed Potatoes, Pineapple Slices
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Hill earns statewide honor VARSITY BOYS

Frenship High School junior quarterback Matt Hill was named Dave Campbell's Texas Football Player of the Week for his effort in the Tigers' 20-16 Class 4A Division II regional semifinal victory over Everman on December 2nd. Matt is the grandson of Ed and Mary Jo Hill of San Angelo and son of David and Carrie Hill of Lubbock.

Hill, who took over the starting role in week 3 of this season,



threw for 237 yards and three touchdowns to lead Frenship into the Region I final against Wichita Falls Rider at Jones AT&T Stadium on the Texas Tech University campus. In online voting on the Dave Campbell's Web site, Hill and Laredo United quarterback Alvara Garcia each finished with 40 percent of the votes.

On the year, Hill is 10 and 1 since taking over the QB duties for the Tigers. He is 58 of 105 for 1,058 yards with 16 TD's and 3 interceptions.

In the Regional Final Friday, the Tigers won 20 to 17 over Wichita Falls Rider. The win puts the Tigers, 12 and 2 for the year, in the State Semi-Final game for the second year in a row and the third time is school history. The Tigers will face the Waco Lions in the State Semi-Finals Saturday, at 1:00 pm, at Justin Northwest Stadium. The winner will earn a berth in the State final.

Hill is the son of David and Carrie Hill, formerly of Eldorado.

November 28, 2006

Eldorado	15-12-15-11=53
Coahoma	16-06-21-18=61

Scoring for the Eagles: Russell Cathey 5, Lalo Sanchez 9, Drew Bosmans 22, Michael Redish 3, Zach Hash 4, Jorge Mata 6, Tyler Dombroski 4. 3 Point Goals: Russel Cathey 1, Lalo Sanchez 1, Drew Bosmans 4, Michael Redish 1.

Water Valley Tournament December 7-9

TOURNAMENT WINNERS
DREW BOSMANS
TOURNAMENT MVP
ZACH HASH
ALL TOURNAMENT
December 7, 2006

Eldorado	11-12-11-12-07=53
Garden City	11-14-10-11-04=50

Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 1, Russell Cathey 3, Lalo Sanchez, Drew Bosmans 19, Zach Hash 10, Rance Cathey 5, Jorge Mata 3, Tyler Dombroski 5. 3 Point Goals: Russell Cathey, Lalo Sanchez 1, Drew Bosmans 3.
 December 8, 2006

Eldorado	22-22-15-26=85
Christoval	11-10-20-10=51

Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 6, Russell Cathey 2, Lalo Sanchez 4, Manny Gonzalez 12, Drew Bosmans 30, Michael Redish 2, Zach Hash 16, Rance Cathey 3, Jorge mata 6, and Tyler Dombroski 4. 3 Point Goals: Manny Gonzalez 2 and Drew Bosmans 6.
 December 9, 2006

Eldorado	15-13-10-11=49
TLC	07-10-11-11=39

Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 4, Lalo Sanchez 9, Drew Bosmans 11, Zach Hash 10, Jorge Mata 6, Tyler Dombroski 9, 3 Point Goals: Drew Bosmans 3.
 December 12, 2006

Eldorado	13-09-11-21=54
Ozona	10-10-14-14=48

Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 3, Lalo Sanchez 3, Drew Bosmans 22, Zach Hash 9, Rance Cathey 2, Jorge Mata 6, Tyler Dombroski 9. 3 Point Goals: Sammy Estrada 1 and Drew Bosmans 2.

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County commissioners court meets for brief agenda

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 with County Judge Johnny Griffin and commissioners Matt Brown and Johnny Mayo on hand to handle the brief agenda.

Among other business, the men approved the minutes of the November 27, 2006 meeting as

presented by County Clerk Peggy Williams. They also voted to award a bid for diesel fuel to Griffin Fuels of Eldorado. The winning bid was for \$2.0456 per gallon. The only other bid was from Regal oil at \$2.1536 per gallon.

Judge Griffin then presented a request for a regional public de-

fender for Capital murders cases in the 7th Judicial District which includes Permian Basin and Concho Valley counties. According to the material presented Schleicher County would pay \$500 per year in dues. The commissioners indicated that they thought the offer was fair but decided to wait and

see if other counties in the Concho Valley would participate.

The court also discussed replacement of a fence between the Schleicher County cemetery property and the property of Rob Phillips. No action was taken.

County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson then advised that the county's new track loader had been delivered and was already on the job.

Before adjourning, the men reviewed and approved accounts payable presented by County Treasurer Karen Henderson and ordered the bills to be paid.

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Nursing Home Activity Director Annie Arispe

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Thanks for the volunteers that visits their rooms.

Does Santa come to the nursing homes? Sure, he does. We appreciated all the gifts that have been received; I have always said that Eldorado has the biggest hearts when it comes to giving.

The Christmas Party will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday 16th. Please join us for refreshments and entertainment.

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Capital Highlights...

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spending limit.

Adding to the complicated task of coordinating the many mandates, Green said, is the fact that the writers of the state constitution could not have anticipated the Legislature's recent shifting of \$13 billion to \$14 billion in funding responsibility from local government to back to the state.

Green said the increased need for Medicaid spending as the state population grows and as medical costs increase presents another conundrum to be solved.

Teacher union releases report
The American Federation of

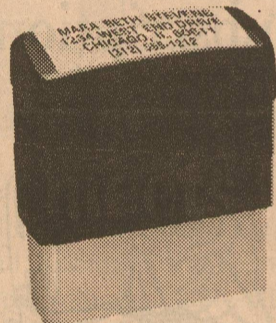
Teachers released a report titled "Building Minds, Minding Buildings — Turning Crumbling Schools into Environments for Learning."

The Texas Federation of Teachers endorsed the report. Findings assert that such conditions as mold, high temperatures, overcrowding, poor air quality and vermin infestation in too many public schools must be addressed immediately as a top educational priority.

TFT president Linda Bridges said the AFT's comprehensive report on schools across the nation "confirms that the problem is widespread and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later."

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1. Talk like Daffy
 5. Crimson Tide, informally
 9. Tricky pool shot
 14. Utah ski resort
 15. Wilson of "Wedding Crashers"
 16. Fiber-__ cable
 17. Stadium section
 18. City near Norfolk, Va.
 20. Pop-up gadget
 22. "Cheers" bartender
 23. Prefix with natal
 24. Provided funds for
 25. Place for gloss
 27. Catch a few Z's
 28. Football team gofer
 33. Out of kilter
 36. Benedict, e.g.
 37. Cookbook writer Rombauer
 38. In a bit
 39. Stored on a floppy
 40. #2 exec
 41. Explorer Hernando de __
 42. Pundit's piece

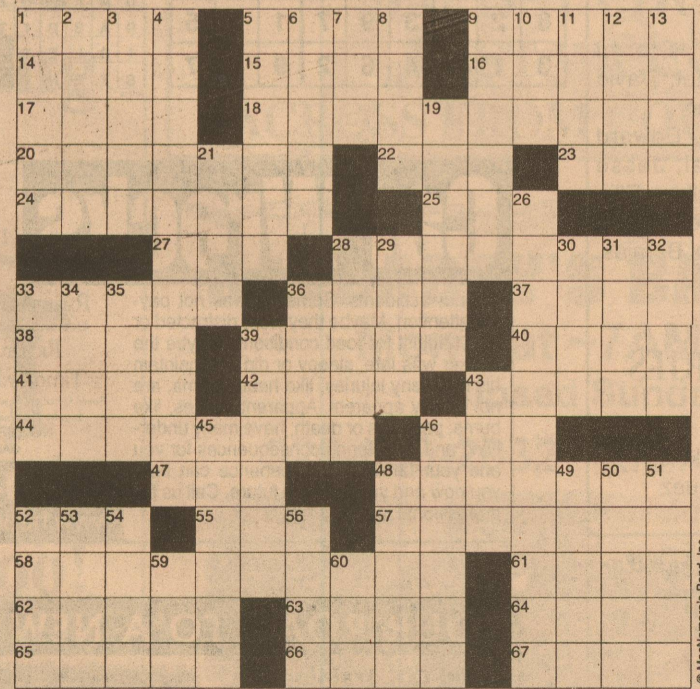
43. Rural dance sites
44. Place for waste
46. Go bad
47. "A mouse!"
48. Dark red apple variety
52. Thurman of film
55. Director Craven
57. Former Mouseketeer Funicello
58. Old-style TV antenna
61. Where the

- Clintons met
62. Castaway's home
 63. Art Deco master
 64. Politico Bayh
 65. Surgeon's blockage reliever
 66. Ring items
 67. Patches up
- DOWN**
1. Coffeehouse order
 2. Troy, as it's also known
 3. Stand in good __
 4. The tail of a

- cooked chicken
5. Shepherd of rhyme
6. "___ to the wise ..."
7. Debussy's "La ___"
8. They make pantry raids
9. "___ Dearest" (Christina Crawford memoir)
10. Mil. address
11. Hit with a Taser
12. Place to build
13. Cavern sound
19. Like some

- peanuts
21. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" opener
26. Holmes and Spade, for two
- *28. Crafted on a loom
29. Did a takeoff on
30. Joel Chandler Harris's __ Rabbit
31. Black cat, to some
32. Talks, talks, talks
33. Helper: Abbr.
34. Drop anchor
35. Frat house I
36. Bearded Smurf
39. Bulb holder
43. Former West German capital
45. Don of "60 Minutes"
46. Salon jobs
48. Like a toad's skin
49. Barrel strip
50. Attorney-__
51. Hammer ends
52. "Mila 18" author
53. It's rigged
54. Up to the task
56. Hunt for
59. Bernanke of the Fed
60. "___ we there yet?"

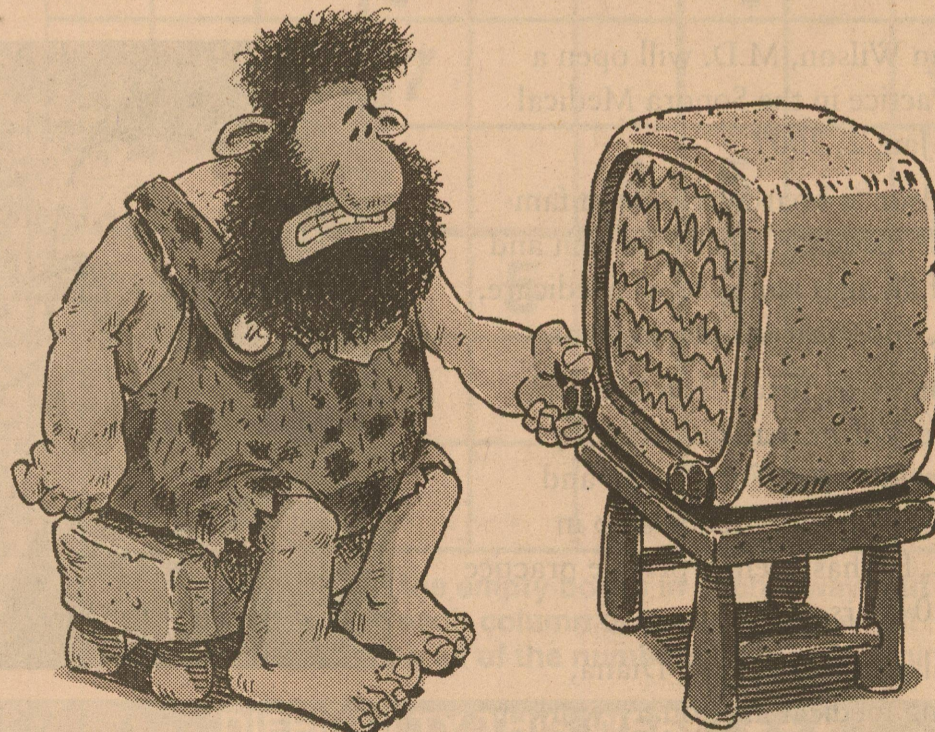
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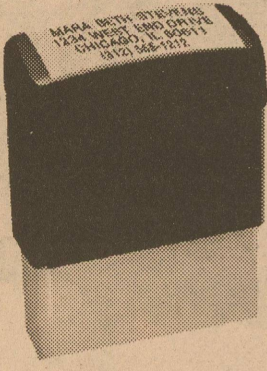
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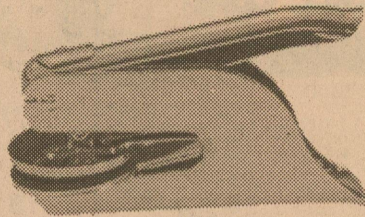
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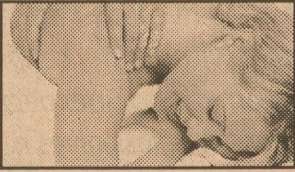


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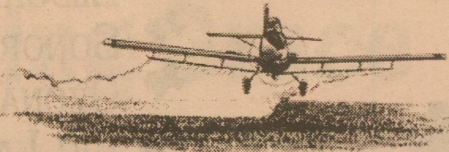
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Houston to Iowa by way of Eldorado?

Mike Pinson Jr. of Huntington, Virginia is driving this pair of massive wind turbine blades from Houston to Iowa...by way of Eldorado. Pinson explains that the blades are shipped from Spain to Houston where they are loaded aboard trucks bound for the Hawkeye State. Why the round-about route? That's easy, some states, including Oklahoma, won't allow the massive loads to travel on their roads. So, Pinson hauls them through Eldorado to New Mexico, then on to Colorado, Nebraska and finally to Iowa. Pinson says the huge blades are encased in the framework because they are traveling as a pair. He also said that the tractor must stay hitched up to the trailer all the way through the trip, making restaurants and truck stops with adequate parking hard to find. Fuel was delivered to the truck here in Eldorado by Griffin Fuels.

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lowers, including Barlow, while he was fugitive from justice. "I love you," Barlow wrote to Jeffs. "You have the right to rule in my life. Without priesthood I am nothing." Warren Jeffs was on the FBI's Most Wanted List at the time Barlow penned the letter. The document was among dozens seized when Colorado state troopers stopped Seth Jeffs' Lincoln Navigator in Pueblo Colorado on Oct. 28, 2005. Warren Jeffs was later named to the FBI Top Ten Fugitives List where he remained until August 28, 2006, when he was captured in a traffic stop near

Las Vegas, Nevada...ten months to the day after his brother Seth was arrested in Colorado.

In the letter, Barlow refers to Jeffs as "Uncle Warren" and at one point says to the fugitive prophet, "I and all of the other officers have expressed our desire to stand with you and the priesthood."

A POST investigation of the entire C-City/Hildale police department by is expected to follow. Already the state of Utah has joined the case, with the Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training Council announcing it will conduct its own investigation of the town's police department.



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